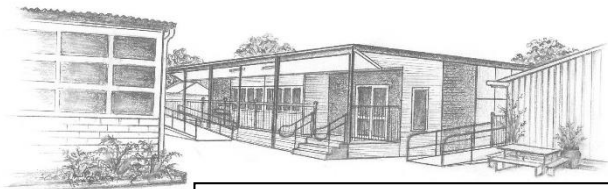


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MINI NEWSLETTER

- 1. Goodbye** - Unfortunately, we say goodbye to Lara on Friday who will be leaving us at the end of the week. On behalf of the whole school community, I would also like to thank Ellen and Rudy for the wonderful support throughout their time at our school. Ellen took on the role of school council President this year and her time and effort in this role was very much appreciated. We wish them well on their exciting adventure overseas and we hope to catch up with Lara in the near future - via web conferencing. Geoff Akers was elected as our new school council President at the last school council meeting and Philippa Collins has taken on the role of school council Vice President.
- 2. Welcome** - We welcome Urijah (Grade 1) and Baelan (Grade 3) to our school community along with their family and hope your time at Tally PS is a rewarding and positive one. Both the boys started school last Wednesday.
- 3. Placement Letter** - These will go home next Monday 3rd December, indicating which students will be in the Grade 2/3 or 3/4 class. Please make an appointment before the end of the week to discuss placements if possible.
- 4. Farm Visit** - Thanks to the parents who came along to the Farm Visit today. This was very enjoyable and we look forward to this continuing to be an annual event in the future. Thanks to the Jude and Jim Pedretti for their ongoing support with these visits.
- 5. School Review** - This was held last Thursday and we had some great discussion with parents, staff and students from our school. Our second day will be conducted on Tuesday 4th December and a lot of staff will be involved in this throughout the day again. We would appreciate no disruptions on this day if possible to help make this day run smoothly. There will also be two student forums with students from Grades 2-5 randomly selected to participate in this.
- 6. Northerners Cricket (Use of Toilets)** - A reminder to any school families who are using the school facilities during cricket to make sure the toilets are kept clean, lights are turned off and bins are put away. Please ensure any rubbish is picked up as well and placed in the correct bin.
- 7. School Council** - This is scheduled for next Wednesday 5th December. The Finance Committee will meet at 6.00pm (30 minutes earlier), followed by an informal meal at 7pm for all School Councillors. The final meeting for the year will then begin at 7.30pm as per normal.
- 8. Extra Transition Days (Wanganui SC)** - These have been organised for Grade 6 students going to Wanganui SC on Wednesday 28th November and Wednesday 5th December. Information went home last week and also went on Flexibuzz - no permission forms are needed. Sessions will be from 1.45pm to 3.15pm. Parents will be responsible for transport - the school may be able to assist if needed though.
- 9. Snake Sighting** - A junior student reported seeing a snake near the container last week. We have not seen our little friend since this report but we will continue to monitor and supervise this area.
- 10. Changes for 2019** - Assembly will be held on Monday afternoon's next year and we invite all families to come to this as per normal. This will allow for more formal learning time in the morning and be beneficial to both students and staff. It is highly unlikely that we will have the Breakfast Program next year - this will be discussed more at school council.
- 11. iPad Survey (BYOD)** - A survey was sent home a few weeks ago to all families in regard to an optional Bring your Own Device Program for Grade 5/6 students in 2019. Please see Liss Lothian for more information. Please return the survey by 30th November.
- 12. Parents Club Meeting** - The next meeting will be held on Thursday 29th November at 9am - organisation of end of year events. All are invited.
- 13. Urban Camp** - I will be attending this camp and Miss Love will stay at school to teach any students who are not attending camp. This camp is scheduled for Monday 10th December until Wednesday 12th December. Final information was sent home last week and was also put on Flexibuzz. We will leave from the Shepparton train station at 6.28am and will return to the train station on Wednesday at 3.23pm. The final cost is \$250 - pay ASAP please.
- 14. Bus for 2019 / Costs** - At school council a few weeks ago, we decided to leave costs for ineligible families the same for 2019. Parents should have received a formal letter in regard to this. If any families have not paid for costs for 2018 - could this be done now please.
- 15. Speech Therapy** - Jess Comer will be visiting on Wednesday and Erin Willis will be visiting on Thursday this week to complete some speech therapy with some of our students.
- 16. Orientation Program** - This continues for new 2019 Foundation students tomorrow. Students will be in 2019 grade structures although we will be trialling some Grade 3 scenarios. Staff will be rotated through the different classes during the Orientation program. The 4th session is from 9am until 1.55pm.
- 17. Servo Lunch Orders** - Orders will be available this Thursday 29th November and they must be at school by 3.30pm on Wednesday.
- 18. End of Year Excursion (Fun Fields)** - This is scheduled for Friday 7th December at Whittlesea Fun Fields. More specific information went home a couple of weeks ago and final numbers are due now - we will be organising tickets and the bus this week. Costs for this day are \$25 for Tally PS students and \$35 for Parents / Guardians. Anticipated weather on this day is 31 degrees - fingers crossed.
- 19. Christmas Concert** - This is scheduled for Monday 17th December - put this date in calendars please. Can numbers be given to the office by Friday 7th December.
- 20. Grade 6 Graduation Night** - This is scheduled for Tuesday 18th December - put this date in calendars please. Last week, Grade 5 students received a permission form in regard to being a waiter on the night. Could these be returned ASAP please.
- 21. Sign In / WWCC / Child Safe Code of Conduct** - There has been a sign placed at the office to remind people to sign in when they visit the school and to present their WWCC if they have one. Any volunteers must sign our Child Safe Code of Conduct - be prepared for an EM drill at any time.
- 22. Enrolments** - Please return enrolment forms for 2019 ASAP and also contact the school if you anticipate not being at Tallygaropna PS in 2019 to assist with planning. We anticipate starting the new year with 89 students at present.
- 23. Child Safe Code of Conduct (Volunteers)** - A reminder for all of our great volunteers to return this document to the office so that we are compliant with Child Safety regulations. Copies can be collected at the office if needed and this [document is found here](#).
- 24. Food Handling Course** - Any volunteers who are involved in food preparation at Tally PS are strongly encouraged to complete this online course. Certificates can be emailed to the school at - tallygaropna.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au The Food Handling online course is found here - <http://dofoodsafely.health.vic.gov.au/welcome.php>
- 25. Random Acts of Kindness (Shower Others with Kindness)** - This has concluded for the year. Could those families who were contacted last week do their random act before the end of the week please.
- 26. Specialist Program** - P.E and Library will be on Wednesday and Italian will be held on Friday this week.
- 27. Indigenous Garden/Frog Bog** - This area of the school is slowly taking shape and starting to look fantastic. Could families reinforce to students to stay away from this area until it is completed please.
- 28. Playgroup** - This will be held on Thursday from 9-11am in the Multipurpose Room. All are welcome.

David Brodie (Principal)

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Our general school rule is to "consider the feelings of others at all times".

I will be away at a Network Meeting on Friday unfortunately.